

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, claims 1-10, 12, 18, & 20 have been amended, and new claim 24 has been added. Therefore, claims 1-24 are pending. Support for the instant amendments is provided throughout the as-filed Specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

A. SPECIFICATION & DRAWINGS

1. The Specification has been amended to update the related application data.
2. Reference character 28 was inadvertently used to refer to both the “Agent Module” and the “User Interface Module.” Accordingly, the reference character associated with the “User Interface Module” has been changed to reference character 29 in the specification, as well as in drawing FIGS. 5 and 7. Now, reference character 28 alone refers to the “Agent Module.” With this response, Applicants have submitted a “*Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections to FIGS. 5 and 7.*” Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the changes to the drawings.

B. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 3-4, 12-13, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner recites that the term

“lever” in claims 3, 12, and 20 appears to be a typographical error which should read “level.”

See Office Action, pg. 2, ¶4.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 3, 12, and 20 to adopt the suggestion set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is earnestly sought.

C. **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Independent claims 1, 10, and 18, and dependent claims 2-4, 7-8, 11-13, 16-17, 19-20, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ainsbury *et al.* (“Ainsbury”) (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,924) in view of Clancey *et al.* (“Clancey”) (U.S. Patent No. 6,134,563). **See Office Action, pg. 2, ¶6.** The remaining dependent claims 5-6, 9, 14-15, and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of Ainsbury and Clancey, further in view of Siow *et al.* (“Siow”) (U.S. Patent No. 6,301,590). **See Office Action, pg. 5, ¶7.** Applicants respectfully traverse.

One of the three basic criteria necessary to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness requires that the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. The Examiner concedes that Ainsbury fails to disclose the feature of enabling a user to select the formatting for each report in a workbook. **See Office Action, pg. 3.** The Examiner does allege, however, that Ainsbury teaches the feature of an on-line analytical processing (OLAP) system processing a workbook (comprising one or more reports). Applicants disagree.

Ainsbury appears to teach an information platform comprising the following four sections: (1) Data Retrieval; (2) Data Classification and Storage; (3) Information Browsing,

Query, Analysis, and Report Creation; and (4) Desktop Integration. According to Ainsbury, the Data Retrieval section comprises the retrieval of information from a plurality of sources (*e.g.*, from the web, a user desktop, or an OLAP query) controlled via a catalog (19), which is built upon an object-oriented database, or store (20). *See Ainsbury, FIG. 1.* Once retrieved data has been classified and stored (section 2), users may then access the data in the store for information browsing, query, analysis, and report creation (section 3). Applicants contend that generating a report from information previously gathered in a data store, as disclosed by Ainsbury, does not anticipate the feature of processing a workbook against an on-line analytical processing (OLAP) system processing. Moreover, the addition of Clancey does not cure the deficiencies in the disclosure of Ainsbury articulated above.

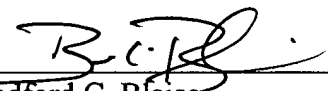
For at least the se reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references cited by the Examiner, either alone or in combination, teach all of the features of independent claims 1, 10, and 18. Accordingly, Applicants further submit that dependent claims 2-9, and 11-17, and 19-23 are allowable because they depend from allowable independent claims, as well as for the further limitations they contain.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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